

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 2005 10:15 AM-12:30 PM CENTRAL TIME**

**DDN sites: Aberdeen, Isabel
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Members Present:

Judy Hoscheid, Stephanie Krusemark, Monica Mayer, Roz Goodwin, Carroll Forsch, Sandi Carstensen, Erin Horstmeyer, Donna Olivier, Greg Cooch (on behalf of David Calhoun), Barb Hemmelman, Byron Peterson, Janet Ricketts

Members Absent:

Casey Murschel, Anne Reddy, DiVina Baker, Karla Schlosser

Birth to Three Staff Present

Sherrie Fines, Jan Elsing, Crystal Goeden, Merle Doolittle

Others Present:

Gib Sudbeck

Call to Order:

Chair person Donna Olivier officially called the meeting to order at 10:15 CST

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from January 7, 2005 were reviewed. Byron Petersen moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Judy Hoscheid. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Performance Report

Sherrie Fines shared with the members that the Annual Performance Report, which was due March 31, 2005, has been sent to the federal office. Donna Olivier, SICC Chairperson, signed for the council's approval. Sherrie reported that she spoke with a federal contact and was informed that there may be a few additions requested by the federal office, but over all the report looked fine. The program is allowed 60 days if changes need to be met.

Primary Service Provider Model (PSP) Training

Crystal Goeden – Birth to 3 Connections Education Program Specialist provided an update on the PSP Model Training held in Sioux Falls, January 20th and 21st, 2005. Robin McWilliam, Vanderbilt University, was the presenter. Crystal reported that 81 participants were in attendance, consisting of program administrators, Special Education Directors, PT's, OT's, Speech Therapists, and Early Childhood Teachers. Learning about the Routines Based Interview (RBI) and Primary Service Provider Model (PSP) were highlights of the conference. Survey results from participants were very positive. Crystal shared that a few providers had concerns about whether or not Medicaid would recognize the use of this model, especially when it came to having more than one provider serving the child at the same time. Suggestions were made by several State ICC members to follow up with this particular concern. It was agreed that State Part C staff would plan to meet with Medicaid to have things clarified. Part C state staff has seen a slight increase in the implementation of the PSP model since the January 2005 training.

ICC Membership

Public Information pamphlets on The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) were given to members. This pamphlet was developed by Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) to provide information regarding some commonly asked questions about State Special Interagency Coordinating Councils (ICC) Under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

SICC work groups may be needed in the future due to the reauthorization of IDEA to address the following:

1. Other members that need to be added to the council in 2006
2. Requests for proposals for the 2006-2009 funding cycle.
3. Assist in development of the six-year goals for the State Performance Report which will be due Dec. 3rd, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

IDEA Reauthorization Update

Sherrie Fines presented the power point on IDEA Reauthorization Update. Power point information was included with the agenda that was sent to members. Birth to Three Connections has nine regional contracts and twenty two service coordinators organized by county. South Dakota Department of Special Education gave five IDEA Reauthorization Update presentations in March and April. Briefly the changes involve increased requirements for child find in high risk areas such as newborns with hearing impairments, children involved in child abuse/neglect, substance abuse environments, and homeless shelters; natural environment has been broadened to consider family preference for location of service; transition piece has been strengthen to encourage collaboration between sending and receiving programs at age 3; the State's definition of eligibility will need to meet a "rigorous" criteria; and States have been given the option to extend services until age 6 for Part C. DOE has made the decision to decline on the IFSP to age 6 option at this time. The federal regulations for these changes are out for public comment and are expected to be available for States to use by the end of 2005. The federal changes need to be in place and will become effective July 1, 2006.

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act- CAPTA

Jan Elsing- Birth to Three Special Education Program Representative gave a presentation on the procedures developed by DSS Child Protection and DOH Birth to 3 Connections to address both the IDEA Reauthorization and CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act) requirements.

Guest Speaker

Gib Sudbeck –Director, Division of Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Department of Human Services gave a presentation on Substance Abuse and South Dakota's System Approach to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. (The power points presentation will be included with the minutes and July agenda sent to each member.) There is a need for training on the part of Service Coordinators to recognize drug and alcohol issues and make appropriate referrals. There is also a need on the part of DHS counselors to know when and how to refer to Birth to 3 Connections when working with individuals or families in their program who have children ages 0-3. Because the requirement that service for children in Birth to 3 Connections be provided mainly in the home, the safety of children and service providers entering homes where Meth is being produced is a great concern. Some collaborative training is being planned.

Battelle Development Inventory II

Jan Elsing reviewed the variety of ways eligibility for Part C may be determined. The Battelle Developmental Inventory has been used extensively in the field as a tool to determine eligibility. In the past year the Battelle has been revised and no longer gives the scores needed to meet the requirements of South Dakota's definition of eligibility. BDI- 2 does not give age equivalents in all areas of development. A workgroup to look at the entire eligibility issue was proposed and endorsed by the SICC. Members of the SICC and some key stakeholders in the state will be asked to participate. Things to be covered at this workshop:

1. What the term "rigorous" means regarding South Dakota's definition of eligibility.
2. New Federal Regulation language and State ARSD language changes that may be needed.
3. Battelle Developmental Inventory-2
4. Bayley – 3
5. Merrill-Palmer-R Scales of Development
6. Other test instruments
7. Age equivalent language in the current South Dakota eligibility definition.
8. What feds say about Standardized Testing
9. Involve NECTAC and MPRRC and State Assessment team

Funding

Sherrie Fines reviewed the funding amounts for the nine 2005-06 applicant area contracts: The funding formula for the contracts remained the same. An increase in per diem, mileage, hotel cost, 8% increase in child count and a 1.75% increase in the amount allowed for service coordination were incorporated into the calculations resulting in a 9% increase over last year's allocations. The actual federal dollars received for 05-06 decreased because of decline in children under 3 based on the census data.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held July 13th, 2005 at the DDN - Capitol in Pierre at 10:00 a.m. central time.

Meeting adjourned- motion by Barb Hemmelman for meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Janet Ricketts.